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THE SITUATION OF DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN HAITI

Argentina, Canada, France, Haiti, United States of America and Venezuela: revised draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Having considered further the item entitled "The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti",

Recalling its resolutions 46/7 of 11 October 1991, 46/138 of 17 December 1991, 47/20 A and B of 24 November 1992 and 20 April 1993, respectively, 47/143 of 18 December 1992, 48/27 A and B of 6 December 1993 and 8 July 1994, respectively, 48/151 of 20 December 1993, 49/27 of 5 December 1994 and 49/201 of 23 December 1994, as well as the resolutions and decisions adopted on the question by the Economic and Social Council and the Commission on Human Rights,

Recalling also Security Council resolutions 841 (1993) of 16 June 1993, 861 (1993) of 27 August 1993, 862 (1993) of 31 August 1993, 867 (1993) of 23 September 1993, 873 (1993) of 13 October 1993, 875 (1993) of 16 October 1993, 905 (1994) of 23 March 1994, 917 (1994) of 6 May 1994, 933 (1994) of 30 June 1994, 940 (1994) of 31 July 1994, 944 (1994) of 29 September 1994, 948 (1994) of 15 October 1994, 964 (1994) of 29 November 1994 and 975 (1995) of 30 January 1995,

Welcoming resolutions MRE/RES.1/91, MRE/RES.2/91, MRE/RES.3/92, MRE/RES.4/92, MRE/RES.5/93 Corr.1 and MRE/RES.6/94 adopted on 3 and 8 October 1991, 17 May 1992, 13 December 1992, 5 June 1993 and 8 June 1994, respectively, by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the member countries of the Organization of American States, as well as resolutions CP/RES.567 (870/91), CP/RES.575 (885/92), CP/RES.594 (923/92), CP/RES.610 (968/93), CP/RES.6/30 (987/94) and CP/RES.633 (995/94), and declarations CP/DEC.2 (896/92), CP/DEC.8 (927/93), CP/DEC.9 (931/93), CP/DEC.10 (934/93),

CP/DEC.14 (960/93), CP/DEC.15 (967/93), CP/DEC.18 (986/94) and CP/DEC.21 (1006/94), adopted by the Permanent Council of the Organization of American States,

Reaffirming that the goal of the international community remains the full observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms and the promotion of social and economic development in Haiti,

Noting in this context the importance of free and fair legislative elections now in progress in Haiti, and the willingness of the Government of Haiti to hold such elections as called for in the Constitution, within the framework of the full restoration of democracy in Haiti,

Stressing the importance of free and fair presidential elections in Haiti, and the willingness of the Government of Haiti to hold such elections in accordance with the Constitution, as a crucial step in the complete consolidation of long-lasting democracy in Haiti,

Strongly supportive of the continuing leadership of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Secretary-General of the Organization of American States in the efforts of the international community in furthering political progress in Haiti,

Welcoming the success of the United Nations Mission in Haiti and the contributions of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and his staff to that success,

Welcoming also the continued efforts by States to provide humanitarian assistance and technical cooperation to the people of Haiti,

Supporting fully the renewed role of the International Civilian Mission to Haiti in the establishment of a climate of freedom and tolerance propitious to the full observance of human rights and the full restoration of the constitutional democracy of Haiti,

Paying tribute to the members and staff of the International Civilian Mission to Haiti for their contribution, undertaken in difficult and sometimes dangerous circumstances, in accompanying the Haitian people in their efforts to return to constitutional order and democracy,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General of 22 June 1995 1/ on the situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti, and in particular its annex containing the letter dated 23 June 1995 from President Aristide to the Secretary-General requesting the extension of the mandate of the Mission created by the General Assembly in its resolution 47/20 B,

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1. Approves the recommendation of the Secretary-General contained in his report to renew the mandate of the joint participation of the United Nations with the Organization of American States in the International Civilian Mission to Haiti, with the task of verifying full observance by Haiti of human rights and fundamental freedoms, with a view to making recommendations thereon, in order to further the establishment of a climate of freedom and tolerance propitious to the consolidation of long-term constitutional democracy in Haiti and to contribute to the strengthening of democratic institutions;

2. Decides to authorize the extension of the mandate of the United Nations component of the Mission until 7 February 1996, according to the terms of reference and modalities under which the Mission is operating;

3. Expresses its full support for the Mission and trusts that the Government of Haiti will continue to afford it timely, complete and effective cooperation;

4. Pays tribute to the Haitian people in their ongoing quest for strong and lasting democracy, economic prosperity and national reconciliation;

5. Expresses its appreciation to those States which have assisted in the restoration of democracy to Haiti and the return of President Jean-Bernard Aristide to office, including those participating in the United Nations Mission in Haiti and those which have accompanied the Haitian people in their efforts to return to constitutional order and democracy;

6. Welcomes the prospect of free and fair presidential elections and the smooth transition to a new, democratically elected government in February 1996, in accordance with the Constitution of Haiti;

7. Reaffirms once again the commitment of the international community to an increase in technical, economic and financial cooperation with Haiti, in support of its economic and social development efforts and in order to strengthen those institutions responsible for dispensing justice and guaranteeing democracy, political stability and economic development;

8. Commends the cooperation between the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Secretary-General of the Organization of American States in their efforts to promote respect for the rights of all Haitians and to contribute to the strengthening of democratic institutions, including the support of those organizations for election monitoring;

9. Reaffirms its request that the Secretary-General support the Government of Haiti as it works towards the national reconstruction and development of Haiti, in order to consolidate a climate propitious to the establishment of a lasting democracy and full respect for human rights;

10. Requests the Secretary-General to continue coordination of the efforts of the United Nations system towards an appropriate response capable of providing humanitarian aid and of meeting the development requirements of Haiti;

11. Also requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly regular reports on the work of the International Civilian Mission to Haiti;

12. Decides to keep open its consideration of this item.